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Attention: John Burvainis, Acting Director  
Public Service Commission  
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Lincoln, NE 68509-4927

Re: Docket No. NG-0051 / PI 130

Mr. Burvainis:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposal from Nebraska Resources Company to construct a new gas pipeline from Clay County to Columbus. Certainly, the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce is keenly aware of the critical need for adequate infrastructure is communities are to develop successfully. This infrastructure takes many forms, but clearly the provision of an adequate supply of a resource such as natural gas is one such form.

With Columbus on the front lines of the expansion of the ethanol industry, we have seen the need for competitive and reliable sources of natural gas. Our partners at Archer Daniels Midland are making a very significant investment in our community and we support any project, such as this, that makes it more likely their facility here will be a success. Also, ADM is not the only significant user of natural gas in our industrial community. BD Medical and Pharmaceutical Systems facilities also use a great deal of natural gas and other manufacturers would use a lesser amount.

So, clearly there are potential benefits to the business community that we represent at the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce. At the same time, there are also potential benefits to the residential user, who will hopefully see more competition and thus more competitive pricing for natural gas supplies.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support for Nebraska Resources Company's proposal and we look forward to seeing this pipeline project move forward in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K.C. Belitz".

K.C. Belitz, President  
Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce

